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In re U.S. Patent No. 6,991,209) Serial No. 10/725,390
Inventor: Tom BALL) Filed: December 3, 2003
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For: A FLOW-REGULATING DEVICE

September 26, 2006

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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These errors included lack of proper antecedents in dependent Claims 21, 27, 31, 32 and 35. The dependencies of Claims 26 and 27 have also been corrected. These errors were inadvertent and without deceptive intent. The requested Certificate of Correction corrects these errors.

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It is clear from the claims themselves that these errors are of a minor character. These errors were made in good faith and without deceptive intent. The change does not constitute addition of new matter to the application, and would not require re-examination. Rather, this change is of a minor nature that clarifies the claims without affecting the scope of the claims. Indeed, both the Applicant and the Examiner overlooked this matter during prosecution.

Issuance of the Certificate of Correction containing the corrections is respectfully requested. Because these changes are necessitated by Applicant's error, a fee of \$100 is due. The Commissioner is authorized to charge this fee and any fee required to enter this request, consider the matter, and issue a Certificate of Correction, to our Deposit Account No. 192253, referencing docket number 11952-4 KAM.

Respectfully submitted,

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In Column 10, Claim 27, Line 1
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In Column 10, Claim 27, Line 3
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In Column 10, Claim 31, Line 25
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In Column 10, Claim 32, Line 36
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In Column 10, Claim 32, Line 37
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In Column 10, Claim 35, Line 46
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